

**Parish of St. Boniface, Okehampton  
& Holy Family, Chagford**

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**26<sup>th</sup> October 2025**  
**30<sup>TH</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Year C1**

**Times of Masses & Services**

|            |                        |                 |                 |                   |                                                                         |
|------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sat</b> | <b>25<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>October</b>  | <b>5.30 pm</b>  | <b>Chagford</b>   | <b>First Mass of Sunday</b>                                             |
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>26<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>October</b>  | <b>11.15 am</b> | <b>Okehampton</b> | <b>30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Welfreda Jumawan (RIP)</b> |
|            |                        |                 | <b>5.30 pm</b>  | <b>Okehampton</b> | <b>For the People of the Parish</b>                                     |
| Tue        | 28 <sup>th</sup>       | October         | 7.00 pm         | Okehampton        | SS SIMON & JUDE - APOSTLES                                              |
| Wed        | 29 <sup>th</sup>       | October         | 10.00 am        | Okehampton        | <b>For Jim Egan &amp; family</b>                                        |
| <b>Sat</b> | <b>1<sup>st</sup></b>  | <b>November</b> | 9.00 am         | Okehampton        | Adoration & Rosary                                                      |
|            |                        |                 | 10.00 am        | Okehampton        | Mass - <b>For Bishop-elect Nicholas Hudson</b>                          |
|            |                        |                 | <b>5.30 pm</b>  | <b>Chagford</b>   | <b>First Mass of Sunday</b>                                             |
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>  | <b>November</b> | <b>11.15 am</b> | <b>Okehampton</b> | <b>ALL SAINTS</b>                                                       |
|            |                        |                 | <b>5.30 pm</b>  | <b>Okehampton</b> |                                                                         |
| <b>Mon</b> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>  | <b>November</b> | <b>10.00 am</b> | <b>Okehampton</b> | <b>All Souls' Day (For all the Departed Souls)</b>                      |

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** by arrangement.

**The Pope's Intention for November:** **For those who have lost a child.** Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

**New Bishop of Plymouth:** Our Diocese Administrator is very pleased to announce that His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has appointed **the Right Reverend Nicholas Hudson**, the Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Westminster, as the new Bishop of Plymouth. **We welcome Bishop Nicholas Hudson and wish him many blessings in this service.** Bishop Nicholas' installation as Diocesan Bishop will be on 29 November at the Cathedral Church of Saint Mary and Saint Boniface, Plymouth. Here is the link for you <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-3D44E10F9BB463122540EF23F30FEDED>.

**Making your offerings by card machine:** For your convenience, please note that we have a card machine in the church situated by Our Lady's statue.

**All Souls' Day:** Please leave the names of your deceased relatives in the box by the altar. There will be a mass on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, at 10 AM, at St Boniface church, Okehampton, in honour of All the Departed Souls.

**Autumn Craft Fair and Big Raffle:** Karen, Ann and I would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who contributed in any way to make our Autumn Craft Fair and Big Raffle such a tremendous success last weekend. We raised approximately £1,561.00 for the church funds! Well done, everyone; we couldn't have achieved this without you. It was truly an incredible team effort!

**Our October 200 Club Draw:** will take place on Sunday, 26 October, after the 11.15 am Mass in Okehampton. First prize is £15, second prize is £10, and third prize is £5. I appreciate your support.

**Remembrance Service:** This will take place on the lawn by our Lord's Cross after the 11.15 am Mass on Sunday, 09<sup>th</sup> November. The Deputy Mayor, Laura Bird, will join us for the Mass and lay the wreath in respect of all fallen heroes.

**A reminder that British Summer Time ends on October 25th, and clocks go back one hour.**

**Advent Retreat for 18–30-year-olds, Sclerder Abbey. 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025:** Join young adults from across the Diocese of Plymouth to prepare for Advent. During the weekend, you will explore John's scripture: 'The word became flesh and dwelt amongst us' (Jn 1:14) while experiencing elements of the Chemin Neuf Community, listening to talks from Fr. Robbie Lowe, and exploring the area. A recommended donation of £30 helps cover accommodation and food costs. For further information, contact Saskia; youth@prcdtr.org.uk or follow the link to book: <https://forms.office.com/e/se4zasSM7B>

**Marriage Preparation Course in January 2026:** The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst is offering a weekend marriage preparation course in January 2026. This course is aimed at couples who are engaged in and practising their faith, and who wish for a deeper, theological and spiritual reflection on the Sacrament of Matrimony. Structured around foundational, Scriptural texts, the weekend is inspired by St John Paul II's *Catechesis on Human Love*, within a framework of prayer, discussion, input and exercises. More info and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation>. Please direct your questions to Stefan Kaminski, Director of the CentreT: 01254 827 329 E: director@christianheritagecentre.com

**Interested in training and volunteering as a Relationship Counsellor with Marriage Care?** A Catholic organisation organises a **Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) course**. Those interested in training should find out more and register their interest, either for entry at this stage or before our CRC selection process in Autumn 2026. Please visit [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email: [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk)

**Diocese Newsletter for October:** <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-F236B443DD092B5F2540EF23F30FEDED>

**Prayers:** Jerome Twomey, Norma Hynes, Patricia Almond, Cecilia Brunton, Mary Frain, Jan, Margaret Snell, Mary Sheridan, Jen Cleverdon, Claire Brown, Helen, Ann Durden-Higgins, Doreen Hughes, Pat, Michele Collier, Paul Selwood Wielink, Alex Joyce, John Keating, Tilly Rhodes, Anne Brooks, Molly Rogers, Janet Vickers, Elizabeth Gregory, David Jennings, Kevin Power, Rosemary Hopkins, Reta DeLarge, Justin Aldred, Jamie Shott, Alan Pook, and Jean Rhodes.